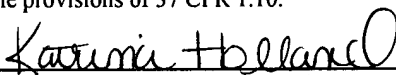




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Sir:

This responds to the January 21, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the specification as set out in **Section I (Amendments of the Specification)** hereof.

Please amend the claims as set out in **Section II (Amendments of the Claims)** hereof.

Please amend the drawings of the application as set out in the following **Section III (Amendments to the Drawings)**.

Remarks addressing the substance of the Office Action are set out in **Section IV (Remarks)** hereof.

An Affidavit Regarding Amendatory Material is attached as **Exhibit 1** hereof.